



PUBLIC NOTICE

EPA Reopens for Public Comment TMDLs for Interstate Christina River Watershed Notice of Public Meetings, Solicitation of Public Comment

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) within the Christina River watershed which includes the Brandywine Creek, Red Clay Creek, and the White Clay Creek in Delaware and Pennsylvania on April 8, 2005. EPA proposes revised bacteria TMDLs in Delaware based on recent monitoring data and review of the computer model used. EPA also proposes revisions to both the low flow and high flow TMDLs for nutrients and dissolved oxygen. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has identified waters within the Christina River watershed as being impaired due to pathogens, nutrients, low dissolved oxygen, and turbidity or suspended sediment. The Delaware Department of Natural Resources has identified waters within the watershed as being impaired due to nutrients and bacteria.

EPA will be holding one informational meeting to present details and answer questions regarding the Christina River TMDLs on **February 3, 2006, from 9 am to noon in the Red Clay Room, 423 Dalmatian Street, Kennett Square, Pa. 19348**. For further directions check their website: www.redclayroom.com. Although not required, reservations would be appreciated. Please call 610-793-1090 or email water@bva-rcva.org.

EPA welcomes input from interested parties and the general public on the proposed TMDL document. **All comments must be postmarked no later than the close of the comment period, March 3, 2006.** All comments can be sent to Ms. Lenka Berlin at the address below. Electronic submission of comments is encouraged. The TMDL report is available at the EPA Region III office or website (<http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/tmdl>). A copy the report can also be requested through the contact provided below.

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